

S. No.	States/UTs	AIDS Cases
7.	Delhi	537
8.	Daman and Diu	1
9.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0
10.	Goa	41
11.	Gujarat	948
12.	Haryana	48
13.	Himachal Pradesh	87
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	2
15.	Karnataka	962
16.	Kerala	267
17.	Lakshadweep	0
18.	Madhya Pradesh	668
19.	Maharashtra	5208
20.	Orissa	60
21.	Nagaland	125
22.	Manipur	890
23.	Mizoram	18
24.	Meghalaya	8
25.	Pondicherry	141
26.	Punjab	131
27.	Rajasthan	295
28.	Sikkim	2
29.	TamilNadu	11954
30.	Tripura	0
31.	Uttar Pradesh	316
32.	West Bengal	57
TOTAL:		24087

Representation by Trade Unions regarding Tobacco Bill

1549. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representation from Trade Unions in regard to reconsidering Government's move to enact proposed Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation) Bill;

(b) if so, the details of the representation; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government have been receiving representations from Trade Unions with regard to reconsidering Government's move to enact the Bill namely, "The Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce Production and Distribution) Bill, 2000", which was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 7.3.2001, the Trade Unions have expressed the fear that enactment of the said Bill will lead to unemployment of traders and people engaged in Tobacco Products Industry. The following are the salient features of the said Bill:—

- To prohibit the advertisement of all tobacco products and to provide for its regulation in trade and commerce.
- To prohibit smoking in public places.
- To prohibit selling of tobacco products to persons below the age of 18 years.
- Indication of nicotine and tar contents on the packets.
- Indication of the warning on the package in English as well as Indian languages.
- Total ban on sponsoring any sport/cultural events by cigarettes and other tobacco products companies.
- Empowering Sub-Inspectors of Police or equivalent officers of State Food or Drug Administration to carry out the provisions of this legislation and confiscation to the goods in case of any violation. However, the owner of the goods will be given the option to pay a fine *in lieu* of the confiscation which should be equal to the value of the goods confiscated.
- Imposition of a fine up to Rs. 200 for minor offences relating to smoking in public places, sale of tobacco products.

There are no proposals to ban tobacco in any form, and none of the provisions of the Bill are expected to directly affect the employment of the workers in the tobacco Industry.

The Bill now stands referred to the Department-related Standing Committee on Human Resource Development of the Rajya Sabha for examination.